



City Arts & Culture Commission
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Commissioner Walerysiak called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Attendance:

Present: Mark Walerysiak, Chair
Kim Villanti, Vice Chair
Andrea Adams, Commissioner
Samantha Buonafede, Commissioner
April Dews, Commissioner
Walter Lewandoski, Commissioner
Julie Norton, Commissioner

Lauren Imholte, Arts & Culture Supervisor
Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

- c. Supervisor Imholte welcomed Commissioner Walter Lewandoski, introductions followed.
- d. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to move Chairperson Vote proceeding Public Participation.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Walerysiak to accept the February 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public participation

- a. Edward Rosado of the Connecticut's Bristol Old Tyme Fiddler's Club requesting funds of \$2,500 to hold a 50th Celebration at the Rockwell Park Amphitheater in October 2022. Discussion followed.
- b. Bob Faucher and Paul Hultman, local artists, who wanted to formally introduce themselves and learn more about the commission, as well as be entered into the commission's database to be considered for future projects.
- c. Chairperson Vote
 - i. One formal nomination was made for Commissioner Mark Walerysiak.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to unanimously vote Commissioner Mark Walerysiak as Chair of City Arts & Culture Commission.
Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

4. CT Murals Update

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on the MLK Mural. \$13k has been raised to fund the mural thus far. Results from the community survey concluded that the additional elements which will be included in the mural are the current Dali Lama, the late Barbara Hudson a local curator, lecturer, art consultant and former Bristol resident, as well as Maya Angelou. A design from the artist is anticipated within the next

two weeks. Supervisor Imholte suggested using the remaining FY 21-22 Art & Culture Funds to meet the \$15k mural goal. Discussion followed.

- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to push vote for the use of the remaining FY 21-22 Arts & Culture Funds to April meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Norton, all in favor; motion carried.

5. Arts & Culture Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Imholte provided updates on Summer Programming. Discussion followed.
- b. Supervisor Imholte reviewed the Financials. Discussion Followed.

6. Arts & Culture Happenings

- a. Form results:
 - i. Al Fenton Big Band performing at the T-Salon on March 31st, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

7. Old Business

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to deny the Imagination Museum's request for financial support of \$3,000 to hold a community art festival on August 4th, 2022.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Norton to hold Earth Day Project on April 23rd, 2022 a collaboration of Art Instruction and Green Team as a free event to the public with a divisionary expense of \$400 to cover the cost of materials and program instructor.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lewandoski, all in favor; motion carried.

- c. By Commissioners:

- i. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dews to deny the Connecticut's Bristol Old Tyme Fiddler's Club request for funds of \$2,500 to hold a 50th Celebration at Rockwell Park Amphitheater in October 2022.

Seconded by: Commissioner Buonafede, all in favor; motion carried.

8. New Business

- a. Supervisor Imholte presented JRB Public Art Project to the commission. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lewandoski volunteered to spearhead the project.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to approve the Operating Procedures Handbook Draft. Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. Supervisor Imholte conducted Goal Setting Workshop amongst the commission. Discussion followed.
- d. By Commissioners:
 - ii. Chair Walerysiak suggested an Arts & Culture active projects document.

9. Committee Reports

- a. City Council Liaison updates: None.
- b. Cultural District Advisory Subcommittee updates: Chair Walerysiak provided updates that the subcommittee voted on a map option, created a marketing plan, developed goals and measures of success. A public hearing date has been set for April 6th, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. at 51 High Street and via Zoom.

10. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Buonafede to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by: Commissioner Dews, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
City Arts & Culture Commission

